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Sharp shooter among best in country

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A Minden Hills man who operates his crane business by day spends his weekends as one of the continent's best sharp shooters.

Chuck Hopkins competes through what is known as the International Practical Shooting Confederation.

"It's basically a game of guns," Hopkins explains.

Hopkins competes in the action pistol category, in which participants run through courses, shooting at targets reloading their guns as they go. It looks like something from an action movie.

"You've got all your magazines, which hold your bullets, on you," Hopkins says.

Competitions are divided into various stages, and throughout those stages, competitors may fire as many as 300 rounds, shooting at a variety of targets. Some are paper, some steel. Large targets called poppers fall either forward or backward once struck.

Competitors are graded not just on speed, but on accuracy as well. Most targets need to be hit twice.

"A lot of guys can shoot fast, but not accurately and fast," Hopkins says.

Shooters as skilled as Hopkins can call their shots, meaning they can tell even before they get visual confirmation that they've hit the target based on the way the shot feels. This allows them to move along quickly.

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St. Paddy's got the blues

Singer Chuck Jackson, who was accompanied by Tyler Yarema, plays his harmonica for a sold out St. Patrick's Day event on Friday, March 17 at the Dominion Hotel in Minden. Jackson and Yarema performed a host of blues standards and chatted with the audience./DARREN LUM Staff

ROMA bill totals about \$16,000

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

In all, councillors from the county expensed just more than \$16,230 in costs during the recent Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference, which took place at Toronto's Sheraton Centre Jan. 29 to 31.

The ROMA conference allows municipal politicians and staff from throughout the province to network with one another,

as well as meet with cabinet ministers, hear keynote addresses from speakers including the Premier, and attend various seminars and workshops on municipal issues.

With the registration fee for the conference at approximately \$600 per person, councillors can also charge mileage, parking, accommodations and meals to be expensed by their townships.

Most councillors accrued total expenses of just less than \$1,500.

Dysart et al Councillor Susan Norcross did not stay at a hotel, so, with mileage charges of about \$200, had total expenses of approximately \$800.

Four of the five members of Algonquin Highlands council attended this year's ROMA conference. Councillor Lisa Barry had total expenses of about \$1,520, while Councillor Marlene Kyle and Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen had total expenses of approxi-

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County man dies in ATV crash

A Haliburton County man is dead following an ATV crash near Irondale on Sunday morning.

According to the Haliburton Highlands OPP, police were called to the site just after 8 a.m. on March 19.

"A deceased male was located by a passerby," a press release reads. "The cause of the collision is under investigation."

The single-vehicle crash took place along Irondale Road, near Contau Lake Road.

Police have identified the deceased man as 40-year-old Michael Anthony Bunn of Haliburton County. Anyone with any information on the collision is asked to call the local OPP detachment at 705-286-1431.

- *Chad Ingram*

Car-deer collisions up in county

Over the past week collisions involving deer being struck by motor vehicles has increased. Haliburton Highlands OPP officers have responded to 21 collisions, 18 of those collisions involved animals: 17 deer and one bear.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP would like to remind drivers to be aware that the warmer weather will have deer and other animals more active near roadways.

Motorists are also reminded that this time of season brings with it unpredictable weather and road conditions which can make it even more difficult to avoid animals on the roadways.

Obeying posted speed limits and slowing down in areas where there is signage for, or knowledge of, frequent sightings of deer can help reduce collisions with deer and other animals. Using your high beam headlights at night when there is no oncoming traffic and fog lights are also useful.

Giving your complete attention to driving is a must at all times.

Add a little time to your travel to ensure you are not rushed.

Submitted by Haliburton Highlands OPP

Health unit launches substance abuse survey for region

For the next eight weeks – through May 15 – area residents are being asked to complete a short online survey looking at substance use in Haliburton County, the City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County. The survey – available at www.hkprdrugstrategy.ca – asks people their input on harms associated with drug and alcohol use in the community, and what the priorities should be to help address those issues.

The survey is the first step in the development of a new regional drug strategy for the three-county area. The local drug strategy will focus on four main areas: drug use prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and justice/enforcement. Nearly 50 organizations are involved in the drug strategy.

MH council cost \$162K for 2016

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills council cost just more than \$162,000 to operate for 2016.

Councillors for the township received a report on their remuneration for last year at this month's committee-of-the-whole meeting.

Reeve Brent Devolin was paid about \$26,870, used just over \$1,000 in benefits, charged about \$250 in mileage and had conference and education costs in the amount \$1,150 for a total of approximately \$29,330.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch received about \$21,500 in remuneration and used about \$3,400 in benefits for a total of less than \$24,900. She charged no mileage and had no conference expenses.

Councillors Pam Sayne, Jeanne Anthon, Jean Neville, Ron Nesbitt and Lisa Schell were each paid approximately \$18,140. With benefits, mileage and conference expenses, Sayne's total was approximately \$23,955; Anthon \$22,790; Neville \$21,630; Nesbitt \$20,290; and Schell \$19,200.

The township's four-member committee of adjustment – Larry Clarke, Dianne Dougall, Robert Orlowski and Dick Schell – had total expenses of approximately \$4,200 for the year.



Stuck truck closes bridge

A loader with Thomas Contracting assists with freeing a transport truck from a guide rail at the bridge at the intersection of St. Peter's Road and North Shore Road close to Carnarvon in Algonquin Highlands on Saturday, March 18. The Algonquin Highlands road crew led the effort. The bridge was closed for most of the afternoon. The driver, who couldn't negotiate the turn, was en route to Bancroft, using the bridge as directed by his GPS. /DARREN LUM Staff

"The regional drug strategy is like a blueprint to reduce harms associated with alcohol, drugs and the misuse of prescription medications," says Charles Shamess, the new drug strategy co-ordinator for the area. "Public input is crucial to create an effective, coordinated drug strategy for our region that leads to a safer, healthier community for everyone."

While asking for new ideas, the local drug strategy will also build on existing initiatives to address some of the harms associated with substance use, including the Naloxone Distribution and the Needle Exchange programs. Locally, the regional drug strategy for Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland is being funded through a \$285,000 grant

from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Haliburton County residents are encouraged to take part in the online survey, says Marg Cox, executive director of the Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents. "With the rising level of poverty, mental health needs, stigma and lack of transportation in our area, there are significant obstacles for our community members to effectively access services that may be required," Cox says. "By completing this survey, residents will help us better understand the needs and potential challenges for improving access to harm reduction and addiction services."

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Councillors spend about \$1,500 each

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approximately \$1,370 and \$1,470, respectively.

Four members of Minden Hills council attended the conference. Councillor Jeanne Anthon had total expenses of just less than \$1,500, Reeve Brent Devolin just more than \$1,600.

Councillor Pam Sayne's total expenses were approximately \$1,730 and expenses for Councillor Ron Nesbitt approximately \$1,830.

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Vinyl Café music director to share stories

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Many Canadians felt they knew Stuart McLean, listening to his unique and familiar voice read his stories on CBC Radio for years.

But John Sheard really knew McLean, and knew him well. Sheard was the music director of McLean's *Vinyl Café* for 20 years and will be speaking at the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library's Lunch and Learn event in April.

"Honestly, I think he was exactly the kind of person you might think he was," says Sheard, a Toronto-based pianist and composer who started with *The Vinyl Café* in 1997, just a year after the show first hit the airwaves.

Recording, performing, writing and arranging with artists such as Celine Dion, The Pointer Sisters, Ian Tyson and Art Garfunkel, among many others, Sheard had been living life as a musician on the road for a couple of decades by the time he joined *The Vinyl Café*. He and fellow Toronto musician Chris Whiteley were essentially the show's house band, travelling the country with McLean, providing musical interludes between his readings.

"Basically, Stuart would read two short stories, a long one and some vignettes," says Sheard, adding the vignettes were often carefully researched tidbits about whatever community they were visiting. "We'd maybe play *Ain't Misbehavin'*, some jazz, some Gershwin, some blues."

McLean's most famous stories were about the adventures of Dave, the owner of a fictitious record shop called The Vinyl Café, and his wife Morley. They were the show's hallmark.

As the show's fan base grew, so did its bus. During the later years, the crew of *The Vinyl Café* were crisscrossing Canada in a large tour coach. While they did performances in cities, part of the show's appeal was that it often visited small towns. Sometimes very small towns.

"The small towns were more memorable, for sure," Sheard says, explaining that the entire population of these communities often knew that McLean was on his way. "They'd see the bus rolling in. There'd be five people waiting for you before the doors opened."

Sheard breaks into a bang-on McLean impression, imitating his conversations with fans.

He says the theatres of a few hundred people could often fit a good percentage of a community's residents into them.

"You'd be probably running into everybody you knew."

Sheard recalls McLean as charismatic and kind, someone who liked to have fun and truly enjoyed meeting and talking with his fans.

He was also an extremely hard worker.

"He'd sit on that bus and he'd sit with his laptop," Sheard

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Honestly, I think he was exactly the kind of person you might think he was.

— JOHN SHEARD ABOUT THE LATE STUART MCLEAN

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says, adding it wasn't unusual for McLean to spend an entire 10-hour bus ride reading and writing.

Sometimes those bus trips would go off course if McLean had a tip he wanted to investigate, those tips often involving eccentric people with eccentric hobbies, who would wind up as subjects of future stories.

"Sometimes they paid off, sometimes they didn't," Sheard says. "He had a real adventuresome spirit. We were sort of infatuated by his joie de vivre."

McLean was incredibly responsive to his fans.

"He answered every email," Sheard says. "Thousands of them. He answered them all. He was a great man and a great Canadian."

In late 2015, McLean announced that he had melanoma and in December of 2016, announced that he was putting *The Vinyl Café* on hold after treatments had proven ineffective and he prepared to begin another round.

McLean died on Feb. 15 of this year, at age 68.

Many, including Sheard, figured McLean would get better and that the show would go on. After all, the success rate for the treatment McLean was receiving was 85 per cent.

"He just wasn't part of that 85 per cent," says Sheard, who described McLean as incredibly healthy for a man his age, someone who did everything in moderation.



John Sheard was the music director of The Vinyl Café for 20 years, touring the country with host Stuart McLean. Sheard will speak at a Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library event April 19. /Photo submitted

McLean's parents both lived into their 90s.

"We used to tell him he was going to live to be 100," Sheard says. "If I learned anything from what happened to Stuart and his quite quick demise, it's that you can't count on anything. Go out there and do it."

The Lunch and Learn event will take place on Wednesday, April 19 starting at noon at the Community Room at 13523 Hwy. 118 in Haliburton. Sheard is scheduled to speak at 1 p.m.

Coincidentally, that day would have been McLean's birthday.

Festival of Banners seeking submissions

The Minden Festival of Banners is accepting submissions for this year's display until the end of the month.

The festival displays hand-painted banners affixed to poles along Minden's main drag and up Bobcaygeon Road during the spring and summer.

With the country celebrating its sesquicentennial anniversary in 2017, the theme this year is Canada 150.

The event is open to those in Grade 3 or older. Student banners – those painted by Grade 3 to 8 students – are returned to their painters at the end of the season. The other banners are auctioned off and proceeds are used to purchase materials for the following year's festival.

Entry forms for both students and adults can be found on the Minden Hills website under Cultural Centre events at mindenhills.ca/cultural-centre/cultural-centre-events.

Artists are asked to sketch their design on the entry form. The deadline is March 31. Artists whose submissions are chosen paint their banners at the cultural centre during April and May.

For more information about the Minden Festival of Banners, contact Sue Tiffin at festivalofbanners@outlook.com.



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As per Bylaw 16-39, The Township enforces reduced load restrictions to protect municipal roadways during spring thaw, when road damage is most likely to occur. Reduced load limits will be in effect where and when signs are posted, depending on road and weather conditions.

PUBLIC NOTICE – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PROCEDURAL BY-LAW

Please take notice that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills, at their March 30, 2017 Council Meeting, will consider amendments to its Procedural By-law being a by-law to govern the calling, place and proceedings of Council and Committees meetings.

The meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

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Spring time is approaching and flooding is a potential seasonal risk in our Minden Hills area due to rain fall, snow thaw or major storms. Visit our website at www.mindenhill.ca, for up to date information to assist you in preparing for the immediate measures before they are required.

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Please visit www.mindenhill.ca/emergency-health-services/ for more information or contact the Fire Chief at 705-286-1260 ext 222.

YWCA surpasses \$35,000 in donations

by JENN WATT
Editor

The YWCA's matching donations program has been embraced so whole-heartedly that by the end of March, the organization will likely be unable to find matching funds for new donations. But that doesn't mean there's not more to do.

"We were at \$17,877 [donated] earlier this week," said Jen Cureton, director of philanthropy and communications for YWCA Peterborough Haliburton. "That's \$35,754 when matched by other donors."

In total, some \$19,000 of matching funds were made available from two couples and one individual in the community. Once donations have caught up to those funds, the

YWCA will no longer be able to guarantee matching funds for new donations, though Cureton is still pursuing leads.

The original idea came from Keith and Susan Hay, who offered the original \$10,000 of matching funds, which spurred the campaign.

"They read about and heard about the fact that we had closed the shelter for a period of time and thought we just can't have that. How do we help?" Cureton said.

The YWCA is creating a sustainability study for the shelter in the Haliburton Highlands and while it is being conducted, needs to bring in about \$200,000 to keep the current services going.

Last year, the shelter was closed for five months after demand outpaced available

funds.

"Over the last three years, we've used over \$280,000 of fundraising dollars to support the Haliburton operation," Cureton said. "Really, our goal was \$120,000 to \$200,000 in this campaign to be able to support the work over the next two years while we do the sustainability study."

If the study finds ways for the shelter to be more efficient, the extra dollars will be set aside for Haliburton services in the future.

Cureton said one of the most common questions she's received when fundraising for Haliburton is whether the money raised here will stay here. The answer is yes.

This recent fundraising push – which has included several independently organized events including two local concerts – has also

opened up opportunity to talk more about domestic violence and the services offered by the YWCA.

The response from the community has been inspiring, Cureton said, particularly in hearing the stories from local survivors who have come forward to talk about how the YWCA helped.

"I know that this outpouring [of support] ... is not something we would expect all the time, but to know that there's people there who care about our work is great," she said.

Although the matching portion of the fundraiser is nearly done, the YWCA still needs funds to continue operations. Find out more by going to their website ywcapeterborough.org or call 705-743-3526.



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March Break fun at the cultural centre

Left and below, young creators such as Vanessa Zemman, 6, were busy making mosaic collages on Thursday, March 16 during the March Break children's day camp offered at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Children created mosaic pieces depicting fish, butterflies and a penguin. There were also classes on scratch art, printmaking, mask making and clay pendants. /DARREN LUM Staff



Above, Logan Bilodeau of Eden focuses on securing his crafted bird for its cage at the Haliburton County Public Library March Break Fun offering on Thursday, March 16 at the Minden branch. Left, A finished crafted bird was part of the bird cage kit.

Crane operator moonlights as sharp shooter



Minden Hills resident Chuck Hopkins recently competed at the Florida Open Pistol Shooting Tournament. Hopkins took first place in his division. /Photo submitted

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Hopkins is good. Really good. Out of about 100 action pistol competitors in Ontario, he consistently ranks in the top four.

"I've hunted since I was 15," says Hopkins, 37. "I've always enjoyed target shooting."

Hopkins honed his marksmanship at the MilCun Training Centre near Kinmount, which is run by former national shooting team member Linda Miller and retired military captain Keith Cunningham.

"It's a great place to learn the fundamentals of shooting," he says.

Hopkins has been shooting competitively for the past seven or eight years.

Taking part in regional competitions in places such as Huntsville, Peterborough and Guelph, he earns berths to provincial and then national competitions.

"I'm going to be in Calgary this summer for the nationals," Hopkins says.

He recently returned from the U.S., where he competed in the Florida Open Pistol Shooting Tournament, where he took first place in his division.

While there was a cash prize this time, "it's just for the bragging rights," Hopkins says of competitions. "Every now and again they'll have a pistol."

Competition is highly technical. Not only must competitors abide by the briefings they are given prior to a stage – which positions to shoot from, etc. – but they are also subject to random ammunition checks.

"They'll pull your bullet apart, they'll measure your bullet," Hopkins says, explaining that officials scrutinize bullets on weight, length, how much powder they contain, as well as velocity, which is attained by firing three bullets over a chronograph.

Hopkins makes his own bullets.

"I make all my own ammunition, not just for cost, but for recipe," he says. The procedure requires great precision and Hopkins has his own chronograph over which he fires bullets to ensure they meet regulations.

With such highly developed marksmanship, does Hopkins have any plans to give up his crane business to become a sniper?

"I don't think I'm there, yet," he laughs.

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Spring, is that you?

SPRING TECHNICALLY arrived this week, making its entrance Monday.

It was an understated entrance. Barely noticeable, in fact. Little sun or warmth, not the sort of the day that sends early bulbs into bloom.

That was the day before. Monday was a frost-bitten morning that gave way to a cloudy, grey malaise of an afternoon.

There has of course never been a switch that is flicked when a new season arrives, magically morphing the weather to a stereotypical, season norm through some enchanted thermostat.

The changing of the seasons takes time.

More and more, though, it seems like the four seasons we know in this country are experiencing an identity crisis. The passing of the proverbial baton from one to the next can become a violent tug of war. Look at the mild spell we recently experienced in Haliburton County, temperatures peaking around 10 degrees Celsius during the day, then plummeting to nearly minus 20 at night. A swing of nearly 30 degrees in a 24-hour period. Mother Nature is going manic.

A record was set in Toronto on Feb. 23 of this year, with the temperature reaching 17.7 degrees Celsius on that winter day.

Last spring, Haliburton County residents may recall, we had snow in May, and frost in June resulted in some flowerbed fatalities.

These transforming weather patterns pose much greater problems than dead flowers or conundrums over which coat to wear.

While this winter in the county was more wintery than the past couple in terms of snowfall, it

was still punctuated by a few unseasonably warm thaw periods that left snowmobile trails and ski hills a slushy mess, as well as undermined the thickness of the ice on area waterbodies. Despite the snowy whiteness of this winter, ice conditions were quite precarious in some cases.

Shortened ice fishing, snowmobiling and skiing seasons all have negative economic connotations for the area.

Along with increasing frequency of extreme temperatures comes increasing frequency of severe

precipitation events, with more frequent flooding expected by climatologists in coming years. Flooding wreaks havoc on municipal infrastructure – roads, bridges, storm management systems, etc. – and has negative economic ramifications of its own.

In February, the federal government announced new programs – the Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program and the Municipal Asset Management Plan – that will deliver \$125 million in funding through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Haliburton County's townships each have advisory committees of some sort dealing with issues of environment, green energy and climate change and the work of these committees will be increasingly important moving forward.

At some point, substantial and expensive alterations will be required along the Gull River in Minden to safeguard the community against flooding.

But for now, let's just enjoy the spring.

Hopefully.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

To those I've splashed

THIS MORNING I WAS horrified to read a story about an Australian teenage boy who jumped into a crocodile infested river just to impress a girl. My first thought was what's wrong with a good old-fashioned tarantula?

But then I read further on and found out none of this was intentional. Apparently, young Romeo didn't know the crocodiles were in the river until one grabbed his arm and began to mangle it. Being Australian, he merely punched it a few times in the face and then managed to escape. Oh, and the object of his affection said yes to dinner and a movie, just as soon as he is out of hospital.

At least they'll have something interesting to talk about.

The unanswered question for me, however, is how does jumping in a river impress a girl? This is something that I need to understand because when I was younger countless young women practically begged me to go jump in the lake. So I've got to ask. Was this merely an invitation to impress them?

If so, opportunity lost.

Yet, had I known that this, or the simple act of emerging from a river with a crocodile attached to my arm, was all it would take to get a date, I might have made more effort.

Sadly, however, I had no idea – which leads me to conclude I should have paid more attention in sex education class.

The bottom line is, in hindsight, I think it's only right that I apologize to all the girls I've splashed before.

You see, as an outdoorsman who duck hunts and fly fishes, I have jumped into

many rivers and lakes, sometimes intentionally and frequently in full view of women. And, as ridiculous as this sounds, I did not know I was being incredibly sexy at the time.

Yes, I was vaguely aware that women cannot help but look longingly at a man in chest waders. But, I did not realize that when I walked out of the lake festooned in various aquatic plants and leeches, I was essentially being irresistible. And I certainly did not know that any woman nearby would be powerless should I ask them to go to the movies.

Which I never did, I should add.

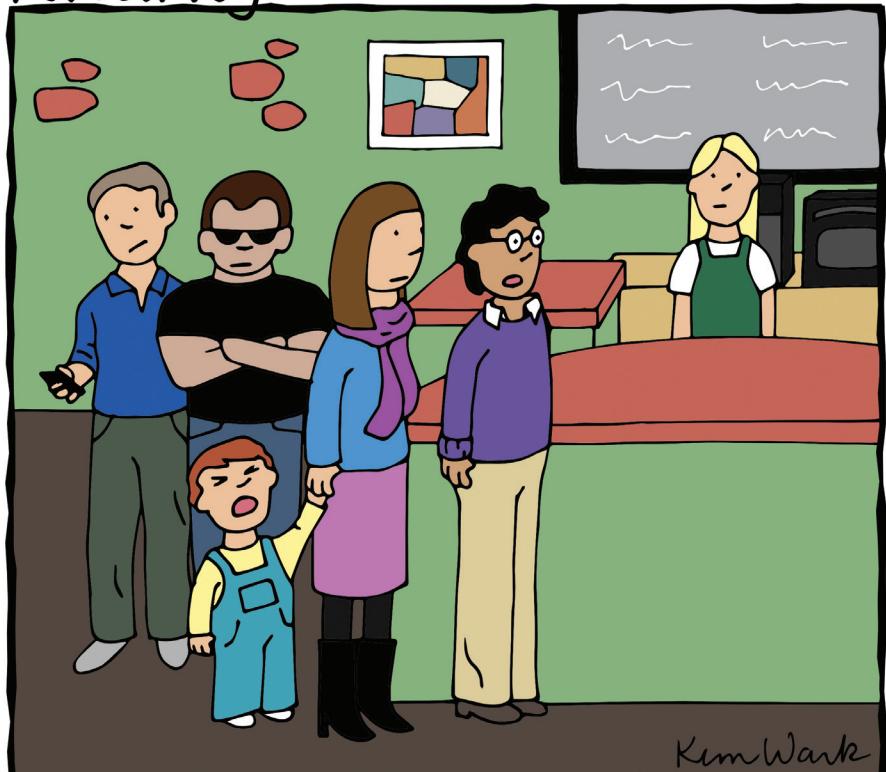
Actually, that's wrong. I did ask one young lady to go to the movies shortly after I tripped and fell in a fountain. And she said yes. Later, I was told she really enjoyed the movie too – which is something I might have learned on my own had she bothered to take me along.

I only mention all this because I'm not sure that most outdoorsmen understand the incredible seductive powers we yield when emerging from a lake soaking wet with a various biting creatures latched onto us. A quick survey of my hunting and fishing buddies showed that none of us had any idea that this was the case, although most of us suspected it might be.

Should this change the way we, as outdoorsmen emerge from the water after tipping a canoe or slipping on a mossy rock? I suppose that depends whether or not you are looking for romance. As for myself, I am quite happy with my situation, so I'll probably find a more private place before I begin to wring out my socks.

I'd hate to send the wrong message.

Kwarky



Kem Wark

"Do I want coffee? After this ludicrous line-up, I'm fully awake without one!"

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Here are the news

IWOKE THIS MORNING WITH A HEAD like a fermenting pumpkin, ready to explode.

No, I do not have a late winter cold. It's just that I'm stuffed to the sinuses with unhappy news overload.

The U.K. is leaving the E.U. Scotland is leaving the U.K. The Dutch and the Turks keep yelling at each other. Bad Vlad, the new leader of the modern world, is busily sowing evil seeds in everyone else's garden.

Forrest Trump, the nutbar president, ran out of people to insult this week so had more time to spend at his Florida golf course making America great again.

The only cure for bad news overload is to let the mind drift back to days long passed when the daily news was more fun, certainly a lot less threatening.

Many folks who collected and wrote the news back then did so outside the corridors of huge populations and power. They were a lot closer to real people living real lives.

I always enjoyed reading Margaret 'Ma' Murray's (Aug. 3, 1888 – Sept. 25, 1982) writings in the Bridge River-Lillooet News from the B.C. interior. Her stuff was earthy and loaded with acid that peeled the pretensions off people

who thought they were much smarter than the rest of us.

She told it like she saw it ("that's fur damshur!") enraging politicians and others, who often threatened her with legal actions or licks. She rolled with the criticism saying:

"It's a poor turkey who can't pack a few lice."

Then there was Edith Josie who wrote a column about life in the remote Yukon community of Old Crow, a place you'll never hear about these days unless some calamity or tragedy occurs there.

Josie (Dec. 8, 1921–Jan. 31, 2010) was a Gwich'in whose Here Are The News column appeared in the *Whitehorse Star* for 40 years. It told of the comings and goings of life in the isolated village above the Arctic Circle.

She was single woman who had three children and wrote about giving birth to one.

"At 8:30 p.m. I had baby boy and he's 6 lb. . . . I give it to Mrs. Ellen Abel to have him for his little boy. She was very glad to have him cause he's boy. I was in nurse station and Miss Youngs sure treat me nice. Myself and baby I really thanks her very much for her good kindness to me."

Her writing was in broken English and ungrammatical but it gave the outside world clear pictures of life in that place, and presumably places like it.

Neither Ma Murray nor Miss Edith had much formal education. Ma left school at age 13, Miss Josie at 14. They didn't know many rules of writing, but that did not matter. What mattered was the story.

You don't hear many stories these days from tiny, tucked away communities like Lillooet and Old Crow. That's a shame because the news of those places can tell us a lot about Canada and Canadians.

And these places produced stories that often brought you laughter. One of my favourites was about a famous parrot in Carcross, Yukon and was written by my talented Canadian Press colleague, Dennis Bell, who has since passed.

"The world famous Carcross parrot is probably the oldest, meanest, ugliest, dirtiest bird north of the 60th parallel," Bell wrote.

"He hates everybody. Which is understandable, because the damned old buzzard has resided within spitting distance of a beer parlour since 1919 and has had to endure 64 years of beer fumes, drunks who mash soggy crackers through the bars of his cage, and phantom, feather pluckers."

Bar patrons amused themselves by feeding the parrot beer and shots of booze. Sometimes it got so drunk it fell off its perch. But then someone taught it to sing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and it found religion and quit drinking.

One day in the 1970s it was found drumsticks up on its cage floor. It apparently died of old age. A public funeral was held, which included a procession down the hamlet's main street. After the burial everyone went back to the hotel for drinks.

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letters to the editor

Thanks for helping HERS

To the Editor,

The generosity of Haliburton County never ceases to amaze me!

The International Women's Day YWCA HERS Fundraiser hosted by Fleming College, March 8, raised \$15,600 (still coming in). The \$7,800 donated by our community was doubled by the incredible generosity of the Hays and other, anonymous, donors. This was unbelievable!

Like our counterparts across the world, 80 plus women, men, college students and children came together to honour the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women throughout history.

The theme in 2017 is #BE BOLD FOR CHANGE! It was a perfect evening to increase awareness about and rekindle interest and support for the YWCA HERS, (Haliburton Rural SafeSpace), and the much needed supports they provide for women and children in our community. It also acknowledged the ongoing support of our community since the 1990s and the incredible women of vision who worked hard to achieve the goal of creating a women's shelter. Thank you, Zoe Chilco, Jude King, Cindee St. Pierre, Heather Ross, Gena Robertson (SIRCH) and the HERS Committee that carried the dream forward to 2003 (too many people to name). I would be remiss if I did not initially express

my sincerest appreciation to the media, print and radio, for your ongoing support of this very important funding issue. Without all of you, the message would never have reached so many.

A huge "shout out" goes out to Fleming College staff and students, all of the individuals and businesses who provided poster printing, delicious food and a beautiful gift basket draw to thank our attendees.

Some of the highlights of the evening were opening remarks given by Laurie Scott, MPP (letter read), Warden Brent Devolin and Reeve Murray Fearrey were extremely supportive of HERS. Lynn Zimmer, CEO of Peterborough Haliburton, YWCA, shared compelling stats regarding the services used in 2016 and also very powerful stories of two women. Heather Ross provided a brief outline of the ongoing journey of Women's Emergency House and HERS since the 1990s. Zoe Chilco, Sage Christiano and Cassidy Glecoff (sound by Mark Christiano), your contribution pulled the evening together with your uplifting music. It takes a team to make an event successful and I would like to sincerely thank each volunteer and the YWCA staff and Board for your efforts.

I feel so privileged to live in such a giving and compassionate community.

Bonnie Roe

Creating accessibility

To the Editor,

I want to give a BIG thank you to the CIBC in Minden for installing handrail bars on the corner walls of the bank on Bobcaygeon Road. I have been concerned since the sidewalks were widened on the main street but narrowed at this corner due to the widening of the road. The sidewalk was sloped in an unsafe manner to the road. Winters have been dangerous here as the slope gets icy and has caused many to fall! I asked the reeve at that time if handrail bars could be installed on the bank wall but nothing happened. Whose authority was it? I tried again last month while banking. The manager came outside with

me to see what I was referring to. While in town today I was amazed to discover the handrails on the bank wall! When you make a place accessible for those with wheelchairs, scooters or canes, you are making it accessible for all, seniors, mothers with baby carriages or strollers, toddlers, everyone. What a simple solution for a difficult walking area!

Thank you again for helping us all to walk around that corner safely.

Lois Rigney
Chair, Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group

It's not what you think

by LAURIE CARMOUNT
Special to the Times

Is art "elitist"?

Art is a reflection of society. There is little else that could be more about humanity. Why is it, then, that some people think it is not for them but only for the upper society, those "elitists"?

Part of the answer to this question lies in our history. Art evolved into something that began to engineer technical skill and was connected to the scholars. It developed into such refined levels of beauty and inspiration that it was seen as a powerful form of influence, something monarchies and churches took control of. It was not for the everyday person, in their estimation, unless they wished to persuade the masses to their way of thinking.

From here it was sequestered into museums for the purpose of preservation; cared for by curators, a word meaning "custodian" (a term derived from the church). It

was not until the mid-1700s that works of art were open to the public.

With nearly a thousand years of a separation between art and people, it is no wonder that it has a stereotype even today.

To add to this, when art became quasi public, the French salons in Paris adopted a name for preview to an art exhibition called a Vernissage (meaning "to varnish") which were often private. At these openings, artists would give a finishing touch to their works by varnishing them. This custom of private viewing, with the patrons and members of academies, led to the 20th century receptions where it was an opportunity to market the works to buyers and critics.

In our recent history, however, as more and more art has been donated and purchased for public collections, and public art galleries began, art is for the public. Unlike the Parisian salons which were exclusive, public art galleries are mandated

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Behind the mask

Above, children who participated in the March Break Culture Club at the cultural centre made masks as part of a series of arts and crafts projects throughout the week.

CHAD INGRAM Staff

INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved 2017–2018 Annual Work Schedule Bancroft-Minden Forest

The Bancroft District Office of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has reviewed and approved the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Bancroft-Minden Forest**.

Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection for a fifteen day period at the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. office and the MNRF public website at ontario.ca/forestplans beginning **March 15, 2017** and available for view throughout the one-year duration. Ontario Government Information Centres at the North Kawartha Township Public Library, Woodview Branch and the ServiceOntario office in Minden provide access to the Internet.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

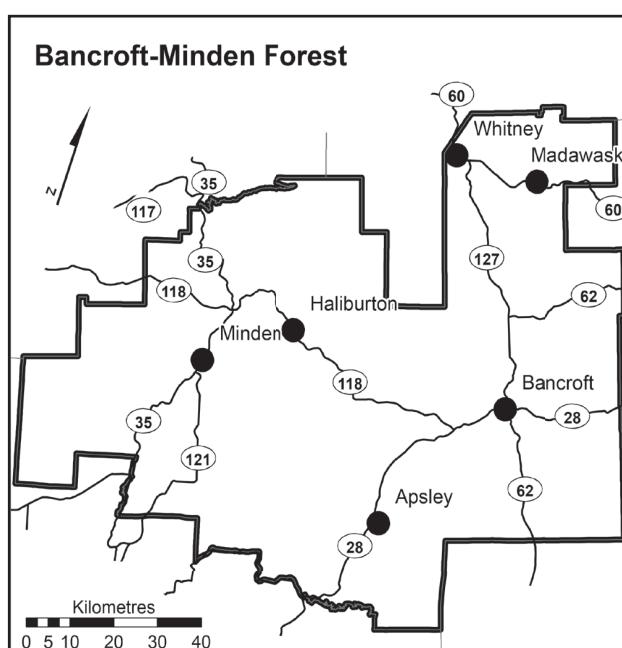
Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. is responsible for tree planting on the Bancroft-Minden Forest. Please contact Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc., Peter Nitschke for information regarding tree planting job opportunities.

For information on the locations and licence requirements for obtaining fuelwood for personal use, please contact the Bancroft District Office, Glenn McLean at 613-332-3940, ext. 211. For commercial fuelwood opportunities, please contact Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc., Peter Nitschke.

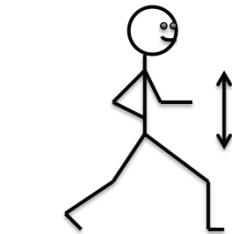
More Information

For more information on the AWS or to arrange an appointment with MNRF staff to discuss the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

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STATIONARY LUNGES

Lunge on!

Stationary, alternating, side, jump, star, bowlers, walking... there are so many types of lunges that you could do a different one each day for the next week, and still have some new variations to try the week after. Not only are lunges great for strengthening the legs and the buttock, but they are amazing for improving balance.

Many people avoid the lunge movement for fear of straining their knee joints. As with any exercise, there are modifications that make this exercise safe for almost anyone to do. I prefer to start clients out with a stationary lunge. This is done by standing with your feet a comfortable width apart, and then taking a natural step forward. Chances are you will start on your stronger side - so don't. Change it up so you're starting on your weaker side. If you are unsteady, do this exercise where you can hold on to something like a counter-top or a wall. Once you've got your feet placed, lift you back heel, and then gently lower yourself by bending the knee in your back leg. This exercise is meant to strengthen the muscles of the quadricep (front of the thigh) in the back leg. It may not take much of a movement to do that. Repeating the up and down motion will start to fatigue that muscle. Two important points are to move slowly, and to not feel any pain in the knee joint. Try five to 10 repetitions on each leg.

This specific type of lunge can be made more challenging by taking a bigger step forward. This really increases the demand on our balancing abilities. Give it a try. You'll find that by tightening your core muscles (abdominal), and your buttocks you will feel more stable. It's important to stabilize your body before making the movement.

The great thing about lunges is that they are an incredibly effective exercise. They are a compound exercise and that means they are working a number of muscles at the same time. And in addition to strengthening muscles that are there to protect your knees, doing lunges will improve your balance. Does it get much better than that?

Something to think about!

Laurie Sweig is a certified personal trainer and spinning instructor. She is one of the founders of The Point for Fitness. www.thepointforfitness.com.



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Art galleries educate the public

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to engage their community in educating them about art and to grow an appreciation for culture. Unlike the Parisian salons, and commercial galleries, public art galleries' only purpose is for the enlightenment of their community.

A good comparison: a public art gallery to a commercial gallery is like a library to a book store. Wherein both kinds of galleries have openings, the public art galleries purpose is to educate, and not for just the selling of artwork.

On Friday, March 3, the Agnes Jamieson Gallery held an opening reception for an exhibition titled *Engagement* by Peter Adams. Opening receptions are a time for one to take a break from their week, arrange to meet with friends and maybe enjoy a glass of wine or beer. One will meet the artist(s) and have an opportunity to listen to their reasoning behind their art.

At this recent opening, Peter Adams stood by his first set of paintings with visitors, explaining his background. He was born in Scotland and now lives in Creemore, Ont. He has been an artist for 25 years. He attended Queen's University for film studies. The work in his exhibition primarily involves landscape – he is especially interested in the realm in which human and natural worlds meet – both in harmony and in opposition.

Adams then introduces a group of paint-

ings that are of waterways in China, specifically the Yangtze River. The work is not a typical piece as it relates to an environmental occurrence in 2014, where the river became red. Adams was intrigued by this, and found the images being broadcasted globally as disturbing and intriguing. He then shows visitors an accompanying painting of a woodland, by where he lives, with a red creek running through – because wouldn't that be provoking and concerning?

Across from these works, Adam points to work which is part of a series called Earth Scars. They illustrate some of the biggest holes in the earth, gigantic diamond mines. The works are to cause reflection on the sustainability of resource extraction, asking the viewer to ponder at what cost are they being taken.

Moving further into the exhibition, Adams stands surrounded by expressive paintings of cloudscapes. He explains clouds are ever changing and evolving, capturing his imagination. One can see a relationship to his film training here.

During this opening, people are asking Adams questions about the work as they think of them. It is a pleasant banter and leads to all forms of conversation. Visitors not only learn from Adams but from each other.

The following quote from Kathy Sweeney, who attended the opening, sums it up nicely:

"I went because I think it's important to

value and support our local art gallery. My knowledge of art is limited so I appreciated that I could attend the opening and learn through a casual, non-intimidating walk-through what the artist had to say about the items chosen for this exhibit; the significance of the work within the timeframe of his development as an artist, and the techniques used in these paintings which may set them apart from others. Everyone there was very relaxed, the presentation and questions asked were interesting and informative, and I will definitely attend future exhibit openings!"

Discover for yourself what an opening reception is like. The Agnes Jamieson Gallery has opening receptions for exhibitions on Fridays from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The next opening is for the Members Show which will be May 5. At this opening, one will meet many of the artist and may learn much about why and how they made their art. There is a very good chance you will leave surprised, saying "It was not what I thought it would be..."

Laurie Carmount is curator of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden.

Women Who Care reunite this month

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

100 Women Who Care Haliburton County will have its second meeting at Minden's Dominion Hotel on Wednesday, March 29.

It will be the second meeting of the group, which meets every four months, each of those meetings a quick injection of cash for a local charity.

"The idea is that it's for busy women," founder Joan Featherstone told the Times before the first meeting in November. Women attend a short meeting – an hour and half – and suggest a charitable orga-

nization to be the recipient of the funds. Three finalists are chosen, with the nominators of those finalists doing a brief talk on their organization of choice. There is a vote and the winning organization receives the funds the evening has raised.

Each woman is asked to bring a \$100 donation with her, or pair up with a partner, each making a \$50 contribution.

"We raised \$3,200 in one hour," Featherstone says of the November meeting. That money ended up going to Food for Kids.

The March meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29 at the Dominion Hotel.

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Kids get engaged

Children participating in March break activities at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre this past week were given an opportunity to look at the mixed media work of Creemore artist Peter Adams at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. The show *Engagement* continues at the gallery, which has admission by donation, until April 29. /DARREN LUM Staff



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Church hosts third annual workday fundraiser

by ANGELICA INGRAM
Times Staff

Allsaw Pentecostal Church is once again ready to spruce up your home and property with their third annual workday fundraiser this spring.

The church, located halfway between Haliburton and Minden, is raising funds for their missions team to go to the Dominican Republic and is accepting applications from individuals who have jobs they need done around their home, cottage or property.

The workday will take place on Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The team will do tasks such as painting, gardening, house-cleaning and carpentry. A team of 12 people will cost a total of \$1,200, while a team of six is \$600.

The money raised goes towards financing the team's trip to the Dominican, where they do outreach work at schools, seniors homes, orphanages and churches, said team leader Marjorie Mieske.

This work includes buying gifts for students and teachers, purchasing food for the seniors, hosting a Christmas party at various places (schools, churches, etc.), doing maintenance and carpentry work and more.

The missions team includes nine people who travel to the Dominican, with an additional person chosen every year by the church board.

"This person is sponsored financially by our church to make the trip," said Mieske.

Prior workdays have included the team painting a garden shed, doing garden work, washing windows, sanding and staining a deck, power washing and cleaning house siding and eavestroughs.

"We like this workday because at the end of it we can see a finished product," said Mieske. "A fresh paint shed, a clean garage, a newly stained deck, a complete change to a living room. It is rewarding to provide our services to others. We know we have done a good day's work for the money



we raise, and we have done something worthwhile for another person."

Those interested in the fundraiser are encouraged to contact Mieske at mmieske@hotmail.com by April 15 with a description of the job, location and your name.

All applications will be reviewed and the selected applicants will be contacted by April 22. A meeting will be arranged to review the work at the desired location.

Members of the Allsaw Church Missions's Team paint a shed belonging to Eleanor Hall to raise funds for their trip to the Dominican Republic last year. The church organized a workday last spring, with proceeds going towards the missionary work. They will be offering up their services again this spring on May 7 to anyone interested in applying for the fundraiser. /Photo submitted

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How to maintain car value over the long-term

When shopping for a new car, savvy buyers know finding the right car involves more than just finding the most comfortable or flashy vehicle. Numerous factors, including resale value, determine what makes a car the right car for a particular buyer.

Various websites and automotive resources rank vehicles based on their potential resale value, and drivers can do much to ensure their cars and trucks maintain that resale value over the long-term.

- Pay attention to the exterior. Much like homes with strong curb appeal can help homeowners get the best price for their homes when those homes are on the market, vehicles that look good can make strong first impressions on prospective buyers. Address any dings or dents on the car before putting it on the market, and make sure the car gets a thorough washing and waxing prior to showcasing it for potential buyers.
- Upon purchasing new vehicles, drivers with their minds on maintaining resale values can park their cars or trucks in garages as often as possible to protect them from the elements. In addition, when parking in public, avoid tight parking spaces that can increase the likelihood that other drivers will ding or dent the vehicle when entering or exiting their own cars.

- Protect the interior. A well-maintained interior will impress buyers on multiple levels. Preowned car buyers may feel more comfortable buying cars with well-maintained interiors that still make them feel as if they're buying a new vehicle. Vehicles with well-maintained interiors also give buyers the impression that sellers care about the vehicle and prioritized maintenance.
- Avoid eating in the car, and immediately address any spills or stains. When taking the vehicle to a car wash, spend the extra money to have the interior cleaned as well. Seat covers can help protect cloth and leather interiors from spills, stains and cracking.
- Keep maintenance receipts. Another way to maintain resale value is to keep all maintenance receipts from the moment the vehicle is purchased. Preowned vehicle buyers are making substantial investments when buying pre-owned cars, and many will want to be certain they're investing in the right cars and trucks. Documentation with regards to the vehicle's maintenance can assuage any fears buyers may have and help sellers get the most money possible when putting their cars on the market.

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Tire maintenance a key component of spring check-up

When warm weather arrives, many people enjoy a collective sigh of relief. Just as people welcome the end of the cold, snow and ice, cars and trucks also can benefit from more moderate temperatures.

Salt, grime and potholes can take a toll on tires over the course of a typical winter. Drivers will not get far this spring and summer without tires in good repair, which is why tire maintenance should be part of any seasonal repair checklist.

Inflation levels

Now is the time to use a tire pressure gauge to see if tires are at the ideal inflation levels. Many tires indicate the recommended PSI (pounds per square inch) on their sidewalls. Cold temperatures may cause tires to deflate a little. Esurance states that winter weather can cause tire pressure reduction at about one PSI for every 10 degrees the temperature drops. Driving on improperly inflated tires can be dangerous, potentially affecting handling and braking distances.

Check tires when they are cold for the most accurate reading. Properly inflated tires also will improve fuel economy, so drivers may even save a little money by inflating their tires.

Tire rotation/realignment

Examine the tires for tread wear. Any uneven or abnormal tread wear could indicate that the tires need to be rotated and the wheels realigned at the very least. Take the vehicle to a qualified mechanic to get their opinion on how to remedy the situation. Mechanics may recommend

rotating tires every 6,000 to 8,000 miles, or about every six months for the average driver.

Wheel realignment may be necessary after a season of driving over potholes and other irregularities in the road. Misaligned wheels can cause handling problems, like the car "pulling" to one side.

Tire replacement

Drivers may discover extreme tread wear, bulges or even cracks in the sidewall during a tire inspection. These signs indicate that it's time to replace the tires. Failing to replace old, worn down tires can increase the risk of automobile accidents.

Thorough cleaning

Once tires are inspected and possibly serviced or replaced, treat the car or truck to a washing and thorough detailing. This will help tires shine and get the vehicle road-ready for spring trips.



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Doing away with distracted driving

The evidence is clear: Distracted driving can be just as dangerous as driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Removing one's eyes from the road for mere seconds can have dangerous repercussions, contributing to accidents, injury or even death.

According to the Hastings Prince Edward Public Health, "a driver talking on his cellphone is four times more likely to be in a crash and a texting driver 23 times more likely." A 2013 Allstate Canada marketing survey conducted with more than 1,500 Canadian adults found that, although the vast majority of Canadians think distracted driving is dangerous, nearly three out of four Canadian drivers engage in behavior that is considered distracting.

The term "distracted driving" is an umbrella term that refers to various behaviours drivers engage in when behind the wheel. The situations below are some of the biggest distractions today's drivers must deal with.

Talking or texting on a mobile phone

Mobile phone usage is one of the leading causes of distracted driving. Five seconds is the average time a person's eyes are off the road while texting. When traveling at 88km/hr, that's enough time to cover the length of a football field blindfolded. And people are not only texting when behind the wheel. They're posting to social media, taking photos and video, as well as reading emails and more. The National Occupant Protection Use Survey points out that, at any given daylight moment across America, approximately 660,000 drivers are using cellphones or manipulating electronic devices while driving, a number that has held steady since 2010.

Passenger distractions

People, pets and objects inside of a vehicle can be quite a distraction as well. Removing focus from the road for a few seconds to address rowdy children in the back seat or to pass food to the backseat can cause vehicles to veer. Drivers who allow pets to ride unrestrained in their cars may find their animals in their laps or roaming around, which



can be distracting as well. Drivers should remain in control of their passengers at all times. This includes ensuring people and pets are properly fastened in seatbelts and the volume of music and voices is kept to a minimum.

Reading behind the wheel

Looking at a map, glancing at an incoming email or even trying to locate street signs or billboards on the side of the road can be distracting. When drivers are unsure of where

to go, they can bring along another passenger, who can keep his or her eyes peeled for landmarks. Passengers also can look at the map or GPS so drivers can stay focused on the road.

It is paramount that drivers keep their eyes on the road at all times. Limiting distractions, however innocuous they may seem, can keep drivers, their passengers and their fellow motorists safe.

Strategies to improve teen driver safety

Learning to drive and receiving a driver's licence makes for some exciting times for young drivers. Those first moments of freedom on the road open up many new possibilities for teenagers accustomed to relying on their parents to get them around town.

Although being a new driver is exciting, it also carries with it very real risk. Car crashes are the leading cause of death for

teens in Canada according to MADD Canada. Lack of experience behind the wheel is one factor behind high crash rates among teens, but other factors also may be in play. The pre-frontal cortex, which contains the neural mechanisms of self-control, is one of the last parts of the brain to mature. As a result, teenagers are prone to taking risks, behaving impulsively and seeking sensation. These traits can be dangerous behind the wheel of a car.

Preventing teenage driving accidents requires some measure of dedication, awareness and education.

- Improve driving skills. A driver's licence does not mean drivers have learned all there is to know about driving. In fact, newly licensed drivers still have a lot to learn. Experience only comes with time and practice, and every day presents teen drivers with a new opportunity to expand their skills.
- Watch the speed limit. Speeding makes it more difficult to control a vehicle. Obey the speed limit, and recognize speed limits are suggestions during ideal driving conditions. When driving in inclement weather, reduce speed, even if that means driving below the speed limit.
- Reduce distractions. When driving, reduce distractions inside of the car. This includes eating or talking on the

phone while driving. It also means fiddling with the radio or checking social media. Texting while driving creates conditions similar to drinking or using drugs while behind the wheel.

- Avoid peer passengers. Teens should avoid having other teens or younger children as passengers in their first year as licensed drivers. Other kids can be an added source of distraction inside of the vehicle and may goad drivers into behaviours they would otherwise avoid. Wait until you gain more experience behind the wheel before you start to hone your chauffeur skills.
- Stick to daytime driving. Driving at night can make it much more difficult for drivers to see their surroundings and recognize potential hazards. Within the first few months of earning their licenses, teenagers should drive only during the daytime and log plenty of practice hours driving at night accompanied by an adult until they feel more confident.

Teen drivers are at a higher risk of accidents than more experienced motorists. But certain strategies can help reduce that risk.

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How to drive more efficiently

Many people aspire to drive more efficiently in an attempt to conserve fuel, save money and reduce the carbon footprints of their vehicles. But driving efficiently can also make driving safer for motorists, their passengers and everyone else, including pedestrians, sharing the roads.

Drivers who want to drive more efficiently can implement a variety of strategies to do just that.

- Obey the speed limits. Speed limits are determined with safety in mind, and drivers should always adhere to posted speed limits to protect themselves, their passengers and others on the road. According to Transport Canada, "27 per cent of fatalities and 19 per cent of serious injuries involve speeding." Natural Resources Canada notes that speeding uses more fuel. "Most cars, vans, SUVs and pick-up trucks operate most efficiently when travelling between 50 and 80 km/hr."
- Do not idle a vehicle. The Environmental Defence Fund notes that electronic engines do not need to warm up, even in winter when temperatures are especially cold. Vehicles that are idling can produce as much pollution as vehicles that are in motion, and idling

for as little as 10 seconds wastes more gas than restarting the engine. Drivers concerned about overtaxing their engines shortly after starting them can warm their engines by easing into their drives and avoiding excessive revving.

- Use cruise control wisely. Drivers concerned about fuel economy may be accustomed to turning on their vehicle's cruise control when driving long distances on the highway. While that is an effective and fuel-efficient way to maintain steady speeds, turn cruise control off when traversing roads with steep hills. On such roads, fuel efficiency can be lost because the vehicle engine is working harder to maintain steady speeds.
- Tighten the gas cap. When gas caps are loose, fuel evaporates. The Car Care Council notes that loose, missing or damaged gas caps contribute to the evaporation of roughly 556 million litres of gas per year. That's both wasteful and costly. When filling up at the gas station, turn the cap until you hear it click.

Driving efficiently can make roadways safer, benefit the environment and save drivers considerable amounts of money.



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4 reasons for a check engine light

Vehicles rely on many components working harmoniously to function at optimal capacity. Any number of systems can go wrong, and oftentimes the first indication that something has gone awry is an illuminated dashboard signal.

One such signal is the "check engine" light. Many drivers have little idea what to do when this indicator lights up, and this light can cause some anxiety. According to Consumer Reports, a check engine light turning on does not usually require immediate action. However, it does mean that you should make an appointment to have the vehicle inspected for potential problems.

Check engine lights are part of a car's onboard diagnostics. The light turning on may indicate something minor, such as a loose fuel cap, or something more serious like a

misfiring engine. When the light turns on, drivers wondering why may want to see if the answer is related to one of the following issues.

1. Loose gas cap: Fuel vapors can leak out and air can get in when the fuel cap isn't secured correctly. This can compromise the fuel system and make the check engine light come on. Take off the cap and then reseal it to see if that alleviates the problem. Cracked caps will need to be replaced.

2. Dirty oxygen sensor: A faulty or clogged sensor may not provide the right information about unburned oxygen from the vehicle's exhaust. This sensor monitors how much fuel is burned. Compromised data can cause a decrease in fuel efficiency. Some do-it-yourselfers can replace an oxygen sensor on their own, but those who can't should have the issue addressed immediately by a professional.

3. Too much speed or load: Towing a trailer or another heavy item may put strain on the vehicle and cause the light to come on because of loss of power. Lightening the load and reducing speed can help fix the problem. Always consult with the owner's manual to determine the towing capacity of your vehicle.

4. Short or faulty code: Computers aren't always fool-proof, and sometimes an electrical short or another similar problem can cause a light to come on. Bring the vehicle to an automotive supply store. Such stores typically have diagnostics tools that can be hooked into the car's computer and provide a more detailed understanding of what is triggering the check engine indicator.

In many cases, a steady check engine light is not a serious concern. However, when such a light comes on, drivers should try to find out why as soon as possible.

Wet weather driving tips

Driving in the rain can be more hazardous than driving in the snow, particularly because drivers fail to realize the dangers wet roads can impose.

Drivers often think rain is no big deal, but while it's not necessary to avoid driving when the raindrops begin to fall, exercising caution when the roads are wet can decrease the risk of being in an auto accident.

- Slow down. Wet roadways cause tires to lose traction, as friction is reduced between the rubber and the asphalt. It's possible to lose up to one-third of traction in the rain. To compensate, slow down to reduce sliding and stopping distances.
- Improve visibility. Turn on windshield wipers and lights when it is raining. This makes it easier to see the road and makes your vehicle more visible to other motorists.
- Leave more distance between cars. In addition to improving your reaction time, giving others more space can improve visibility by reducing the amount of mist or splashing caused by other vehicles.
- Stick to daytime driving. If possible, when it is raining, drive only during the day. Glare from wet roadways and headlights at night can further compromise poor visibility.
- Watch for wind gusts. Anticipate gusts when traveling through windy road corridors or over bridges.



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20th year for Dundas team

Susan Canfor, vice, Sandy Stout, skip, Chrissy Kranyak, lead, Ginny Russell, second, Marie Lennard, coach. This is their 20th year attending the Minden Curling Club Sweep Into Spring Ladies Bonspiel. They have deep roots in this community as Ginny and Chrissy are related to Marie Lennard, a long standing member of the Minden Curling Club.

Sandy is the only team member whocurls and the rest of her team volunteers for the once a year event. They finally admitted that though they have a great time curling they really come for the karaoke!

The Sweep into Spring is a ladies invitational bonspiel that has been held by the Minden Curling Club for the last 37 years. Submitted by Deborah MacLean



Best team costumes:

Left to right: Morgan Epp-Mallette, Katie Epp, Annika Klint, Shawn, Allison Mallette and Rodney.



Sixth Place: Minden Team

Left to right: Joyce Nilsson, Barb Millington, Pat Woodcroft, Patti Prentice



Best hat: Mary Ellen Hope flanked by sponsors Rodney(left) and Shawn(right) of Ommmh Beauty Boutique



Fourth Place: Minden Team

Left to right: Melanie Vigrass, Carol Alain, Audrey Robson and Wendy Wood

Sweeping into spring with bonspiel

On the weekend of March 17 and 18 the Minden Curling Club hosted the 37th annual Sweep into Spring Ladies Bonspiel. Sixteen teams from Port Perry, Huntsville, Ajax, King, Barrie, Mississauga, Bancroft, Dundas and Minden took part in the two day event with the top honours and the Ommmh Beauty Boutique Trophy going to the team skipped by Kelly Vandenburg from Port Perry with Patti Gorski, Khris Corbett and Nancy Lee. Second place went to the King Curling Club team of Kathleen Gorsline, Marnie Deathe, Linda Mackie and Heather Routledge. Third place went to a team from Huntsville skipped by Joan Dunn with Marg Dollar, Susan Bionda and Darlene Lackie. Fourth place was claimed by the Minden team skipped by Melanie Vigrass with Carol Alain, Audrey Robson and Wendy Wood. Fifth place went to a second Huntsville team skipped by Cathy Oaken, last year's winners, while Sixth place went to the Minden team of Pat Woodcroft, Patti Prentice, Barb Maybury and Joyce Nilsson.

The theme for this year's event was "It's not Easy Being Green" in honour of St Patrick's Day. A wide variety of headgear was displayed by the participants with Mary Ellen Hope of Huntsville taking the prize presented by sponsor Shawn from Ommmh Beauty Boutique. The prize for most original team costumes, donated by Lynda Litwin, was won by the Minden team of Annika Klint, Allison Mallette, Morgan Epp-Mallette and Katie Epp.

The weekend event was kicked off with a Karaoke party on Friday night and concluded with a banquet on Saturday followed by the awards ceremony and raffle. Thanks to all the club volunteers for their efforts and to the many contributors to the raffle table. Thanks also to our sponsor Ommmh Beauty Boutique for their continued support.

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Winning team from Port Perry from left to right, vice Patti Goreski, second Khris Corbett, lead Nancy Lee and skip Kelly Vandenburg accepting the Ommmh Beauty Boutique Trophy from sponsors Shawn and Rodney.

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Monday, March 13

Men

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High single Fred Phipps 271
High single handicap Fred Phipps 327
High triple Ken Thompson 654
High triple handicap Fred Phipps 787

Ladies

High average Chris Cote 189
High single Chris Cote 220
High single handicap Chris 249
High triple Chris Cote 610
High triple handicap 697

Tuesday Afternoon, March 14

Men

High Average Claude Cote 206
High Single Claude Cote 240
High single H/C Ken Thompson 256
High Triple Ken Thompson 692
High Triple H/C Ken Thompson 746

Women

High Average Chris Cote 194
High Single Chris Cote 254
High Single H/C Chris Cote 279
High Triple Chris Cote 571
High Triple H/C Chris Cote 646
Bowling scores Mar. 13 and 17

Friday, March 17

Men

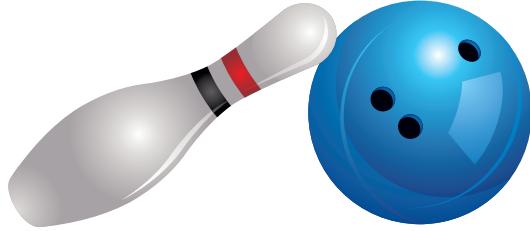
High average Claude Cote 199
High single Ken Thompson 287
High single handicap Ken Thompson 307
High triple Ken Thompson 658
High triple handicap Ken Thompson 745

Ladies

High average Chris Cote 190
High single Chris Cote 225
High single handicap Bernice White 260
High triple Chris Cote 623
High triple handicap Chris Cote 707

Special Olympics Bowling Scores

Jason Cochrane 209
Casey Heley 185
Melinda Nesbitt 185
Skylar Pratt 155
Brent Leffering 140
Kim Buie 134



Notice



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday, April 10th, 2017** at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-019/16
Applicant: William Nicholson, Charles Nicholson & Ann Marie MacDonald
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 6 & 7, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon
Nature of the Application: New Lot & Easement for Right-of-Way
2. File No. H-020/16
Applicant: William Nicholson, Charles Nicholson & Ann Marie MacDonald
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 6 & 7, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon
Nature of the Application: New Lot & Easement for Right-of-Way
3. File No. H-021/16
Applicant: William Nicholson, Charles Nicholson & Ann Marie MacDonald
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 6 & 7, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon
Nature of the Application: New Lot & Easement for Right-of-Way
4. File No. H-005/17
Applicant: Thomas & Patricia Green
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 31, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 23rd day of March, 2017.

Lisa Gillan
Secretary-Treasurer
Haliburton County Land Division Committee
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DVD of the Month

Arrival

When does your story begin? When does your story end? In *Arrival*, linguistics expert Louise Banks is called upon for the consultation of her life when 12 alien vessels mysteriously appear over different nations, all offering periodic access to their spacecraft and the opportunity to speak to the inhabitants within. What Louise discovers over the bucolic fields of Montana are beings with a physiology so different from

humans and a language so complex that at any moment they could be one poor translation away from a world – or even intergalactic – war. As global powers jockey for advantage over one another, Louise races to understand the intentions of our strange visitors.

Arrival is based on the short story *The Story of Your Life* (in *Stories of Your Life and Others*) by Ted Chiang. Both are available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.



Guenter Horst took this photo while out on a walk in Minden on a bright Sunday afternoon.

Events

Two Bands One Great Dance

In Support of the Highlands Summer Festival



Custom Blend with Special Guest Charlie Davis & Fifth Business

When: Saturday, April 15, 2017

Where: The Haliburton Legion

Time: 7:30pm to 10:30pm

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Highlights**French**

Municipalities don't have to worry about forced bilingualism, says Victoria Halliburton MPP John Lakins. English-only declarations by municipalities won't change anything, he says.

Please see page 2.

County says 'non'

Minden and Haliburton County are the latest to object to the provincial French Language Services Act. At Minden Council, the vote was unanimous, but at the County level there was considerable debate.

Please see page 7.

Curling action

There was plenty of strong curling competition to be had in Minden and Haliburton last week. Minden hosted the annual Rockbuster men's bonspiel on the weekend with 32 teams competing. And in Haliburton, the ladies battled it out in the Regional SOLCA competition early in the week. Please see pages 11, 12 and 14.

Battling illiteracy

Haliburton County's Literacy program coordinator is leading the fight against illiteracy from her office in Haliburton.

Please see page 25.

Blossoming talents

What happens when marigold seeds are exposed to radioactivity? The answer is revealed through a spell-binding performance from the cast of the Highland's Little Theatre's production of 'The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-moon Marigolds.' Erin Lynch shares the spotlight in this touching drama. She plays the part of the inhibited daughter, who succeeds in spite of her mother's interference. Heather Scully, a veteran performer with this drama group, has immersed herself in the role of the domineering mother of two. Audiences have come to expect strong performances from Scully, and they won't be disappointed in her efforts here. 'Marigolds' runs for three nights, March 1, 2 and 3 at the high school.

New development controls proposed

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

Minden council has adopted two new measures in an effort to gain tighter control over development projects and to try to eliminate land flipping in the township.

The actions are a result of concerns about development sites along the Bobcaygeon Road between the Rockcliffe Tavern and the Guardian Drug Store Plaza. Along this stretch of road there are three excavated

construction sites, two of which changed ownership without completion of either of the development proposals.

The first measure adopted by council at last Thursday's meeting was a resolution

which requires a Site Plan Agreement between the developer and the township be signed before any rezoning to a Commercial designation can take place.

The resolution is designed to stop speculators from

buying property, rezoning it to Commercial, offering it into separate lots and then selling the land for a profit without actually developing it.

(more on page 2)

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UPCOMING Community Events

Haliburton County Historical Society

When: Thursday March 23/17, 1:30 PM
Where: Haliburton Museum
Stephen Hill, Curator, will be speaking on the topic of the "Grand Central Hotel" Haliburton

The Haliburton Lions Club Hoedown Dinner & Dance

When: Saturday, March 25, 2017, 5:00 - 9:00 pm
(Dinner at 6:00 pm)
Where: Haliburton Legion, Main Hall
Cost: \$25.00 per person (all ticket sales are final)
Music by Gord Kidd & Friends, Cash Bar, 50/50 draw, silent auction, door prizes and much more. Enjoy delicious roast beef on a bun with salad, baked beans, dessert, tea/coffee
Tickets at Halco Electronics and Minden Haliburton Hearing Services or call Lion Linda at 705-457-2064

Haliburton Blood Donor Clinic

When: Monday, March 27th
1:30-6:30pm
Where: Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain St.
To book your appointment please visit www.blood.ca

100 WOMEN WHO CARE SPRING MEET- ING

When: Wednesday, March 29, 6:30 to 8:00pm
Where: The Dominion Hotel Dining Room,
Bobcaygeon Road, Minden
We are 100 WOMEN WHO CARE -we meet for 1 hour, 3 times a year. We raise money for local charities in our county. At our first meeting we raised over \$3000 for Food for Kids. If you are a woman who cares - come to our meeting and see how we do it. IT'S AWESOME!

H.H.O.A. Wild Game Dinner/Silent Auction

When: Saturday April 1/17
Where: Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain Street
Cocktails at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm
Tickets \$35.00 per person or \$55.00 per couple
Contact the HHOA Fish Hatchery at 705-457-9664 to reserve your tickets now

Environment Haliburton - Public Presenta- tion

When: Saturday April 1, 2017 at 1 pm
Where: West Guilford Community Centre, 1061 Kennisis Lake Road, West Guilford
Guest Speaker: Dr. Tony Weis, Professor of Geography at Western University and author of The Ecological Hoofprint: The Global Burden of Industrial Livestock
Your Diet, the Industrial Meat Industry and the Climate Crisis
For more information contact: Terry Moore, tmoore7031@gmail.com, 705-306-9254

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discov- ery Days: Sounds of the Night: Owl Prowl!

When: Saturday, Apr. 8, 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Who goes "hoo" in the night? Join Haliburton naturalist Pauline Plooard and listen in the dark for owls calling. Dress warmly, including your footwear, and bring a headlamp or flashlight. Our leader will be Pauline Plooard. Admission by donation.
Location: Meet at Zion United Church, 1021 East Rd. Carnarvon at 8:00 pm where carpools will be arranged and directions provided.
Cost: Admission by donation

Doc(k) Day

When: Saturday, April 8
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Those Other Movies presents the sixth annual Doc(k) Day documentary film festival. Starts at 10 a.m. with Dysart 150: The Movie, followed by Obit, Cameraperson, What Lies Below and In Pursuit of Peace. For more information contact Lisa Kerr kerrfamily@cottagecountry.net.
Cost: \$30 for the day (email Lisa Kerr). Individual tickets, if available, are \$10 at the door.

Razzamataz Kids Shows

When: Sunday April 9, 2017, 2:00pm
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Terzetto by L'Aubergine, QC

Loosen up with Karma Yoga

DORSET NEWS

Lee Ross

burgesslt@me.com

Are you feeling stiff after the long winter we've had? Cait Hutt Love is offering Karma Yoga classes at the Dorset Rec Centre Monday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. until April 3. The class will focus on increasing flexibility and strength, while working with the breath to calm the mind and bring peace to the whole body. It is donation based and suitable for all levels. Bring your own mat, or there will be mats offered. Wear warm, comfortable clothing that is easy to move in. For more information you can visit theopenspace.co.

The Dorset humpback bridge will be closed for vehicle and pedestrian traffic starting the end of March until the week of June 30, 2017, as it undergoes rehabilitation. While the rehabilitation is happening, you can still use the Highway 35 bridge to get in and out of town.

The SS Bigwin is hiring a client experience co-ordinator

and it could be you! If you're under 30 and have graduated with a degree or diploma from a recognized post-secondary institution in the last three years, then visit ssbigwin.com for full details and apply today. The closing date is March 27 at 5 p.m., so don't delay.

The Dorset Ice Palace got off to a rough start this season, but thanks to the colder temperatures we experienced in January, the rink saw a lot of activity throughout the winter. Unfortunately Hockey Night In Dorset on the Saturday evening of the Snowball carnival had to be cancelled for the second year in a row.

So much of what the town of Dorset has achieved is because of the wonderful volunteers who live and cottage here. There are always many opportunities throughout the year to lend a hand, especially in the summer months. Whether you're looking for community service hours or just want to meet new people, there's something for everyone. To become involved please visit dorsetcanada.com and click Volunteer under the Community tab or contact Barb Townes at 705-766-2108.

Happy birthday to Emma MacKay, Meghan Allore, Audrey Clayton, Cody Ryan, Kaleigh Schuetze, Judith McConkey and Ron MacKay. If you have a birthday to add, please send it to me at burgesslt@me.com.

Events

Stanhope Soccer League Registration

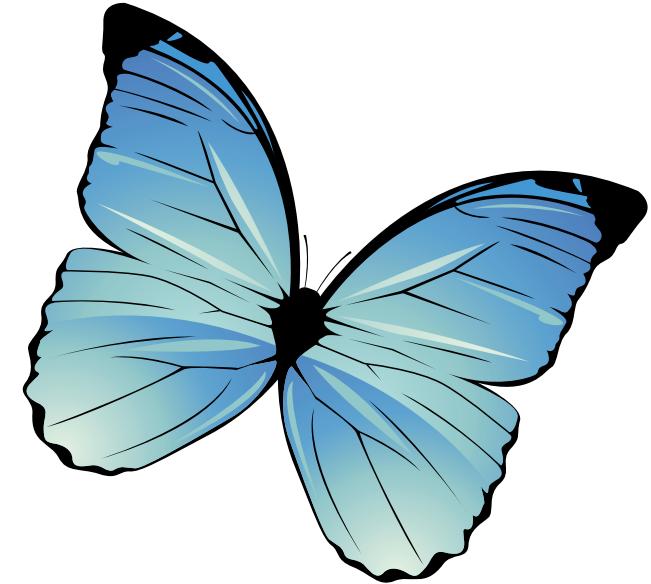
Tuesday, March 14 from 7 to 9pm
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Bantam girls secure spot in provincials

With great team work, lots of sweat and determination the girls wrapped up their play-down games and finished first overall in their division. On Tuesday, March 7, the Jets were in Ennismore to face the Eagles and skated away with a 3-0 win. Scoring for the Jets were Beth Brownlee, with a hard shot that deflected over the Eagles' goalie's shoulder, followed by Kennedy Croskery who scored on a penalty shot. Croskery took the puck wide and put it through the five hole. Adding the final goal of the game was Paige Billings, who skated the puck in and found

the net with a top corner shot. All goals were unassisted. Courtney Semach had an amazing game and earned her fourth consecutive shutout, shutting down Ennismore in all of their attempts to score. On Wednesday, March 8, the team travelled to Apsley to play the Cold Creek Comets. Both teams played hard and persevered throughout the game and had numerous chances and shots at both ends. Despite both teams' efforts in a well fought game, the result was a tie 0-0. Once again, Semach was solid and shut out the

Comets for her fifth game in a row. Way to go, Courtney! With a spot earned in provincials, the girls will continue to focus and work hard trying to make the LLFHL championships. They will face their opponents, the Cold Creek Comets, in a series beginning Wednesday in Brighton at 7 p.m., followed by a home game Saturday, at 6 p.m., at the NHCC. If needed, the team will travel again to Brighton on Sunday for 6 p.m. Keep your sticks on the ice, girls, and aim high!

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In Loving Memory of **Betty Rae Moffatt**

Wife, mother, grandmother, friend, volunteer. Passed away suddenly, but peacefully, at home on Monday March 13, 2017 in her 83rd year.

Survived by her husband of 61 years, Bruce Moffatt; her son Bruce Jeffrey Moffatt (Sandra, Connor, Christopher); her daughter Carol Ann Moffatt (Tony Aymong); her brother John Moore; and predeceased by her son Andrew James (Andy) in 1979.

Betty was born and raised in Toronto but her heart found the Haliburton Highlands at the age of five when, in 1939, her father bought a lot on Beech Lake. That purchase sparked the beginning of what's now four generations of memories made of shenanigans, laughter, family, dear friends and a spectacular sunset view across the lake. The one-room cabin expanded over the years and when Betty and Bruce decided to 'retire to the cottage', Tony built them a beautiful lakeside home where life was grand and even more wonderful memories were created.

Betty was a stay-at-home mum for many years but when she went back to work she found her way from secretarial and bookkeeping work to corporate leadership where, when she retired, she was the Corporate Secretary as well as the Vice President of Legal Affairs for MDS Health Group.

For many years she was the only woman at the boardroom table and throughout those years she acquired tremendous business savvy as well as impressive corporate knowledge and skills. Betty was the ultimate 'super mom' who could not only bring home the bacon but also fry it up with finesse while wearing a fabulous business suit and heels while planning a pool party in her head. How she did it all we'll never understand.

In Haliburton, Betty's retirement volunteerism included lengthy and dedicated service on the boards of HHHS, Canoe FM and the Stanhope Museum where her corporate knowledge and broad experience provided valuable foundational advice and ongoing guidance. Throughout these years she influenced and impacted many people in ways still being discovered.

Betty and Bruce discovered old neighbourhood friends in the Highlands and, together with lifelong friends from the city and new-found friends in Haliburton, they forged a fun-filled retirement with golfing, curling, snowmobiling, extensive travel and throwing terrific parties. And there was always that sunset view ...

Betty was good, kind and honest - and more than a wee bit fierce. She was strong and smart and wise, and so very proud of her family. They just don't make 'em like her anymore.

She had an indomitable spirit which never flagged, even when faced with serious life experiences and health crises.

She was truly a lady; she will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Details

Cremation has taken place and there is no funeral service. Betty (and Bruce) wanted to be interred back in Toronto with their son, Andy, and that will take place at a later date.

Celebration of Life: Saturday April 1, 2017

Betty loved a party so in her honour, a celebration of her life is being held on Saturday April 1, 2017 at Pinestone Resort from 1pm to 4 pm. Please join us for some cheer and camaraderie. Feel free to bring and share a story of Betty and what she meant to you or your organization.

In lieu of flowers or donations please do something kind for someone.



650 OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of **Laurel Lorraine Tompkins (nee Sovereign)**

Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden, on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. At the age of 96.

Beloved wife of the late Lewis. Dear mother of Carole and Bill Peeling, Dean Tompkins(deceased), Larry and Lisa Tompkins. Loving granny of Rob, Mike and Shelly, Colin, Cindy and Rob, Jeremy, Jenna (deceased) and granny T2 to Elladee, Briar, Noah, Jadyn and Josh. Fondly remembered and sadly missed by her extended family.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Service to Celebrate Laurel's Life at 1:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.



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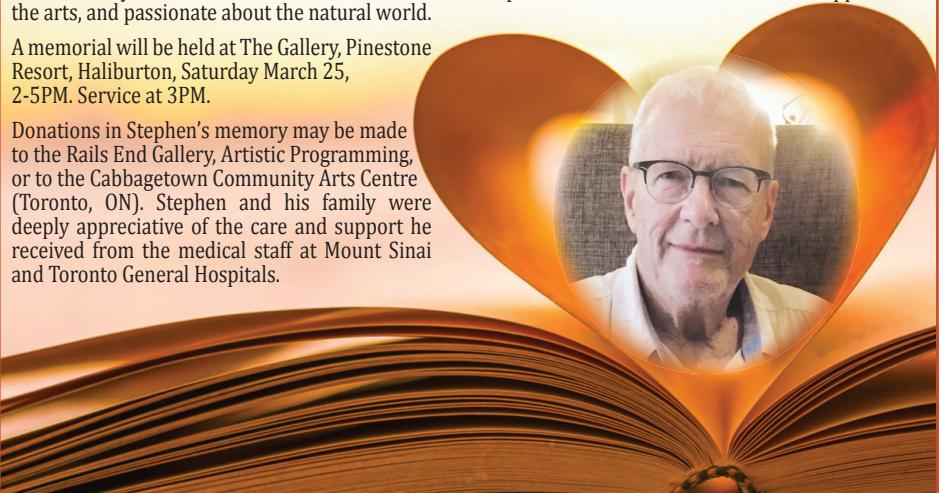
Peacefully, surrounded by family and friends, on March 13, 2017, in his 72nd year, at home in Toronto. Loving husband of Holly Hutchison, father of Sarah (Devin Fan) and Joseph, brother of Julian (Sophie Thomas). Stephen was greatly loved by his grandchildren Napoleon, Ronin, and Juliette; by his nieces and nephews Monika (Dajuan), Elias, Seth, Asa, Helen, Kai, and Ezra; by his former wife Mary Kay Ross; and by his cousins Orde and Anne Morton.

A writer, journalist, and producer (TV), educated at Westdale SS, Ridley College, Westminster School (London, UK) and U of T, Stephen's creativity and flair for astute political commentary informed his work at the BBC, CBC, and TVO. Later in his career, Stephen was the owner of Patrick Books and the managing editor for community newspapers in Haliburton County.

Stephen was a wonderful conversationalist, interested in everything and everyone. His commitments to his own and to other communities were numerous, from his trips to Haiti, to his support of the Highland Storm hockey association. Decisive and adventurous, Stephen was also an excellent cook, a supporter of the arts, and passionate about the natural world.

A memorial will be held at The Gallery, Pinestone Resort, Haliburton, Saturday March 25, 2-5PM. Service at 3PM.

Donations in Stephen's memory may be made to the Rails End Gallery, Artistic Programming, or to the Cabbagetown Community Arts Centre (Toronto, ON). Stephen and his family were deeply appreciative of the care and support he received from the medical staff at Mount Sinai and Toronto General Hospitals.



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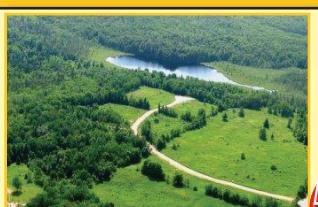
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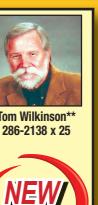
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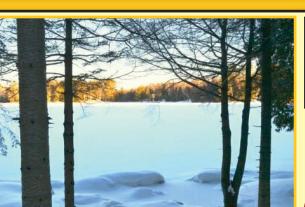
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